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1. [redacted] CALL ON MAYOR OF YOMITAN--With [redacted] as interpreter, paid a courtesy call on Mayor of Yomitan Tokushin Yamaouchi today. In the course of the visit advised him that we would be changing seven of the poles in our antenna field this coming February and March, which I had been told was the best time of year to do so, and that I would send him more specific details on the project when we had them ready. He thanked me for the information and asked that he be notified 2 months in advance of the work so that he can advise the village chiefs concerned. No other business was discussed. It was a very cordial and pleasant meeting. By coincidence, CAPT. Currie, the new CO of the Navy outfit at Hanza, will be calling on the mayor this week as well, we learned during the visit. (Chief Ops; [redacted] Land file; Japanese Liaison File; Protocol File)

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2. [redacted] ANTENNA REPLACEMENT PROJECT--[redacted] preferred method STAT
to obtain the specs on which contractors are to bid on the antenna replacement project is to ask Pan Asia to do the job. Their ballpark estimate is $10K assuming that all seven poles are difficult of access and will require a lot of effort to come up with solutions. We know that two of the poles don't require much effort, thanks to easy access, so the total will be less. Pan Asia would spec out how access to each pole is to be obtained, what roadwork and heavy equipment will be required, etc. That sounds like a hefty sum to me but judging from previous advice from RECD/OL it is better to do it this way than to have each contractor come up with his own idea of how to do the job. It will also be quicker. [redacted] is to STAT
come up with the words for a proposal to [redacted] on this by the end STAT
of the week. We also discussed the question of the cables from the antennas to Operations Building, i.e., will they sustain handling without damage? We have two reels of this type of cable on hand but it all dates from the late forties and is very thick. [redacted] says STAT
newer cable is much thinner and does the same job. If we have to do any replacing, I'd rather do it with new cable. I'd also like to know what loss of signal we have sustained from our antennas over the years. [redacted] plans to use the cable on the reels as a benchmark, STAT
testing it either with a frequency sweep or with a time-domain reflectometer, and comparing these results with similar measurements obtained from existing antennas. (Chief Ops; Chief ED; [redacted] STAT
Land File)